



### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not provide for a reinforced structure having:

- a. an elongated structural reinforcing strip comprising:
  - (1) elongated continuous parallel fibers having lengths extending along the length of the strip;
  - (2) nondirectional fibers distributed transversely across the strip; and
  - (3) a polymer matrix affixing and embedding the parallel and nondirectional fibers, and;
- b. a structure to which the strip is affixed by several fasteners inserted through the strip and into the structure.

Additionally, the prior art provides no suggestion or modification to make the present invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

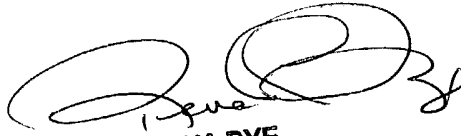
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Camie S Thompson whose telephone number is 571-272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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